QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—(*contd.*)

Widening of the Road from the southern gate of the Huzur Office to the Tampanur Theatre.

83. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether their attention has been drawn to the narrowness of the road running from the southern gate of the Huzur Office and joining the Tampanur road near the theatre, and, if so whether they will consider the desirability of taking early steps for widening and improving this road for the better convenience of the public?

MR. T. P RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government note the information, but it is feared that the land to be acquired for widening the road may be very costly.

Inspection work of the Textile Expert.

84. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to the passage occurring in paragraph 6 of the Annual Report of the Department of Industries for the year 1098 regarding the inspection work of the Textile Expert, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Textile Expert has been asked to explain why he did not inspect the remaining 17 schools; and, if so, whether they will lay on the table a copy of his explanation;

(*b*) whether the Director of Industries has at any time expressed that inspection of institutions outside the headquarters is not the main duty of the Textile Expert; and

(*c*) how the inspection work of the Textile Expert in 1098 compares with his work in 1097 and 1099?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) The Director of Industries does not remember having issued any such instructions.

(*c*) No schools were inspected by the Textile Expert in 1097 as he entered on his duties only towards the close of the year. 15 schools were inspected in 1098 and 16 schools in 1099.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to part (*a*), may I know whether the Director of Industries expressed himself unsatisfactorily against the inspection work of the Textile Expert?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) Yes, only in regard to that particular year.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know why an explanation was not demanded from the Textile Expert as to why his inspection work was not satisfactory?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag Chief Secretary to Government*): At that time his hands were not full and he was sent out for inspecting work. Subsequently, he was given additional work in the office and he had also at the same time to supervise the work of the itinerent weaving parties and spinning instructors. At the same time he was also holding a class in the head office. So, it was not possible for this Instructor to inspect every institution where weaving is conducted. It was physically impossible for him to do that. It was on account of these circumstances that an explanation was not demanded of him.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the Director of Industries was aware of the nature of the work of the Textile Expert?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I have already stated that this officer went out when his hands were not full. There was no cause for an explanation, since, subsequently, he had full-time work.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know then why the Director of Industries expressed in his report for the year 1098 that the inspection work of the Textile Expert was unsatisfactory?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I have already answered that.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): No.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): At the time he had not much work in the office. But subsequently he had a lot of work to do.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether it was not after the year 1098 had elapsed that the report of the Department of Industries was published?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, that is true.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I first point out that the question was asked with reference to the report of the department of Industries for the year 1098 and that part (*b*) of the question is "May I know whether the Director of Industries has at any time expressed that inspection of institutions outside the headquarters is not the main duty of the Textile Expert"? And the answer given is that the Director of Industries does not remember having issued any such instructions. My question is not with reference to the issue of instructions. I wanted to know whether the Director has expressed in his report that it is not the duty of the Textile Expert to inspect institutions outside the head-quarters.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): It is asked in part (*b*) of the question only whether the Director of Industries has at any time *expressed*.....

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MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the answer to this question was framed after going through the report of the department for the year 1098?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): If the member would draw my attention to any specific part of the answer, I shall be thankful to him. The answer has been based on the report itself.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): On the information given in the report I have based my interpellation. I now want to know whether the member is in a position to state that the Director of Industries did not express that it was not part of the duty of the Textile Expert to inspect institutions outside the head-quarters.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): If the member would kindly give me a specific, pointed reference to the point I shall loek into it.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): In framing answers, the member might have gone through the report. There is therefore no excuse.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The member is giving information. If he *has* information, it is all right.

Employment of Students trained in the Textile Institute, Trivandrum.

85. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of students trained in the Textile Institute, Trivandrum, between 1099 and 1101 M. E. and their qualifications;

(*b*) the number among them who are at present entertained either in the Industrial or the Agricultural Department and what the others are doing;

(*c*) whether there is anybody now undergoing training in the Textile Institute, Trivandrum; and

(*d*) if so, the object with which, and the cost at which, he is being trained?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 15; 6 in weaving, 5 in dyeing and 4 in knitting. Students of the Central Technological Institute are not prepared for any outside examinations. But departmental examinations are held and certificates of proficiency issued to them. The instruction given to them in weaving is calculated to be higher than what is required for the Madras Government Technical Examination in Weaving, Intermediate Grade. In dyeing and knitting, the students are given sufficient training to enable them to earn a living by those trades.

(*b*) None. Some are entertained in private institutions.

(*c*) Yes; two students, one in weaving and one in dyeing.

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